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**NEW SIGNS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC BACKUPS AT EXIT 1 ON NH ROUTE 101**  
***EFFORTS ALSO INCLUDE INCREASED STAFFING AT HAMPTON RAMP TOLL***

The NH Department of Transportation announces plans to erect and improve signing along NH 101 Eastbound on the approach to the Exit 1 (NH 101/I-95) interchange.

This project is part of an effort to address backups at the NH 101 Eastbound off-ramp to I-95 and the safety concerns associated with traffic backing up onto the NH 101 Eastbound travel lanes. The signs will direct motorists into the lanes they should be using as they approach the interchange along NH 101 Eastbound. This sign work will include an overhead sign structure, variable message boards, and improving existing signs.

The project will also construct emergency mileage reference markers along Route 101 from Manchester to Hampton that will assist motorists in reporting the accurate location of an incident for emergency service responders.

The \$500,000 sign project is scheduled to begin in May and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2005.

Another ongoing effort to address the traffic backups at the Hampton Ramp Toll plaza has been the full staffing of the plaza during peak travel periods. By fully staffing the ramp plaza during certain time periods in recent weeks, toll collection has been processed more efficiently and quickly. Motorists can use any lane, thus eliminating the traffic weaving that can create safety issues and additional delays. The fully attended lanes, which involve two additional toll collectors during the two time periods, are in place Monday through Friday between 6 :00 AM and 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM.